

## Town and County News

Gathered in And Around Town By Our Resident And County Reporters.

## STRAS MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services.  
First and Third Sundays of the month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Holy Communion—First Sunday at 11 a. m.  
Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.  
A hearty welcome is extended to all.  
Rev. W. D. Buckner,  
Pastor.

Mr. Walter Sanders, of Graham, Va., was in town Wednesday.

Mr. H. C. Alderson has been very much indisposed for the past few days.

County Treasurer Robt K. Gillespie, of Pounding Mill, was in town this week.

Miss Mattie Surface, who has been quite ill for several days, is now convalescent.

Conductor R. T. Bowen, of Bluefield, spent Sunday last at home, this place.

Col. Joe Harrison returned last Friday from a ten days' trip to Washington City.

Mr. E. Goodman, of the firm of L. Lazarus & Co., of Pocomantas, was in town this week.

Miss Janie Dinwiddie, of Lebanon, Russell county, is in town, visiting Miss Nettie Witten.

Mr. F. P. Landon, who has been traveling some weeks in Kentucky and Ohio got home yesterday.

Rev. J. S. French, of Pocomantas, spent part of this week in Tazewell, circulating among old friends.

Mr. H. P. Brittain's little girl, Marguerite, whose serious illness we reported last week, is convalescent.

Dr. T. G. Witten and his wife are still confined by sickness, but we learn they are not seriously ill.

Mrs. W. G. Harrison and J. W. Chapman will start home from Hot Springs next Monday.

Work has begun on the foundation of Mr. V. L. Sexton's residence. Tazewell improves slowly but surely.

Mr. W. H. Tomney, of the Richmond Times, was in town last Friday and paid our office a pleasant call.

Don't dilly with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Dr. Nye, of West Virginia, brother of Dr. W. P. Nye and Mrs. William Britts, is paying his relatives a visit.

Dr. Rolla W. Witten is very sick at his home four miles west of town. His friends are very anxious about his condition.

J. P. Kroll, of Panther, West Virginia, a large lumber dealer of that place, was in town this week attending court.

The Epworth League conference which was to have been held at Graham this week has been indefinitely postponed.

Miss Nellie Hufford left to-day for Charlottesville, Va., where she goes to attend the wedding of her cousin Miss Minor.

Hobart Miller, attorney at law, of Coeburn, and Judge T. M. Alderson, of Gladeville, Wise Co., Va. were in town this week.

Tuesday, the first day of Court was quiet and uneventful. Little business was done in Court, one or two cases being continued.

Maj. R. R. Henry, who was confined to his house for nearly two weeks with grippe, is out attending to his professional work again.

Chapman & Thompson change their advertisement this week, and they say they will sell certain kinds of goods at your price.

Rev. W. D. Buckner, Rector of the Episcopal Church of Tazewell, made a business trip to Washington D. C. this week.

The sale of Stocks advertised by Chapman & Gillespie has been postponed until the 18th of next month. See advertisement.

Dr. R. D. Hufford is adding a porch to the east end of his residence, which will add very much to its appearance as well as its comfort.

The traveling salesmen were well represented in town Tuesday, but as far as we were able to judge, the merchants were slow to purchase.

It is reported that a large number of Swedes recently arrived at Bristol, and as colonists will settle on the old Trigg farm not far from this city.

Dr. Jno. P. Haller and Messrs M. T. Browning, R. E. Baker and C. E. Mitchell, of Pocomantas, were registered at the Central Hotel on Wednesday.

Mr. W. L. Griffith, the cattle dealer from Farmville, Md, who purchased 1765 export cattle at one transaction in this county last year, is in town.

Mrs. Eliza Gildersleeve, wife of Dr. Gildersleeve, was dangerously ill at the home of her father, Dr. Rolla Witten, on last Sunday, but is now convalescent.

Miss Eva Moore, of this place was married to Mr. Winfield Scott Payne, son of Hon. W. P. Payne, of Welch, West, Va., on yesterday, at the home of the bride's father.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gibboney, of Wytheville, and their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, of Bluefield, West, Va., are on a visit to Mrs. Kate Peery.

It is reported that the Foundry established at Graham during the boom times will be removed to Max Meadows, Va. in the near future. This Foundry has been idle for some time.

Miss Hardy, one of our popular school teachers, who for several days has been victimized by the gripp, is reported better. Her many friends hope she will soon be fully recovered.

Mr. Jesse Neal, of Thompson Valley, will leave for Missouri, on the 25th of this month, which will be his future home.

The REPUBLICAN will no doubt prove a welcome weekly visitor in his western domicile.

Rev. M. Mobray, of Thompson Valley has been holding a protracted meeting for some days past in the Pleasant Hill Church, with excellent results. These meetings have revived the Church members.

Messrs. R. M. Baldwin, J. D. Harrison, Lewis Brittain and John T. Barnes, who have been hunting in the Cove, killed sixty rabbits and four wild ducks in three days.

Dr. James O'Keefe returned Sunday evening from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Kate Gillespie, near Pounding Mill. He also paid Cedar Bluff Lodge, No. 269, A. F. and A. M., an official visit.

Mr. M. C. Frantz, of Salem, Va., was in town this week attending court. He is selling the latest in patent gates. Those who have seen it say that this new device is way ahead of anything ever invented in this line.

Mrs. Cora Catron, wife of Mr. Mc. Catron, died at her home in Baptist Valley, Friday evening, of pneumonia. Mrs. Catron was a native of Smyth county, and the remains were taken to Rich Valley for burial.

A tract of land, containing about sixty acres and lying on the head waters of Cavitts Creek, sold Tuesday by decree of court, was bought by Thos. Brown for \$532.50. The land was formerly owned by J. H. Hampton, deceased.

Maj. W. P. Cecil, for so many years a resident of this county, has been in feeble health for some time at his residence in Giles County. We had the pleasure of staying with him on Tuesday night, and found him bright and cheerful.

We were pleased to receive a call from Mr. J. D. Suthers, of Thompson Valley, on Court Day. He reports considerable sickness in his locality. These sick are "Uncle" Joe Richardson, Mrs. Suthers, Mr. Jno. Sanders, and a number of others.

A marriage license was issued on the 15th inst. to a Chinaman, Sing Lee, who lives at Pocomantas, and Miss Alice Flournoy, who hails from Wytheville. This is the first marriage license that has ever been issued to a Chinaman in our county.

Mr. James Hayter, of Washington County, recently made a visit to his sister, Mrs. Sam Ward, in Wards Cove. He was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday morning. He was relieved by the Doctor, but is still at the home of Mrs. Ward.

A telegram was received at North Tazewell last Friday morning announcing that Mr. Hewlett, the night operator at Gray, West, Va. had been seriously shot by a drunken tramp operator who had been ejected from the office by Mr. Hewlett. The latter is well known at this place.

Dr. T. L. Painter, of Liberty Hill, has been spending several days in town. He recently returned from Philadelphia, where he spent three weeks under treatment of Dr. Dacosta, one of the most celebrated diagnosticians of America. He encourages Dr. Painter very much as to his physical condition.

The friends of Messrs J. W. Chapman and W. G. Harrison have been pleased to receive recent information that they are now being greatly improved by the treatment they are receiving at Hot Springs. We hope they will soon return to Tazewell completely restored to health.

We have received a letter from Mr. D. H. Peery, of Ogden, Utah, enclosing a check for a year's subscription to the REPUBLICAN, in which letter Mr. Peery says: "I am much pleased with your paper, though I should like it better if you had a correspondent in Burke's Garden, my old home."

Mr. C. W. George was over from Thompson Valley on Wednesday, and says he has been a dreadful sufferer from the gripp, but all right again. He tells us also that he has 49 ewes that have 51 lambs, 32 of the ewes having twins. He bought these ewes from Jno. Ed. Buchanan, who was sick of the sheep business, but who is sick now since the lambing season came on.

On Tuesday a will was offered for probate in the County Court of this County which was made by a person who died in 1870, nearly twenty seven years ago. The party who was the beneficiary under the will has held the property ever since the death of the testator; and his right to do so was not contested, notwithstanding the fact that he had brothers and sisters living. This is a remarkable case.

Col. John G. Watts has gone to Russell, where he will remain some days looking after his extensive farming interests in that county.

The ground-hog is making a resolute effort to maintain his reputation as a weather prognosticator. His followers, no doubt, will say that the past few days of doubtful weather have resulted from his failure to see his shadow on the 2nd inst.

Some of our subscribers have made prompt response to our call for payment of their subscriptions. The great majority are very slow about coming to the book.

Hiram Steel, the negro murderer, plead guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to the State Penitentiary for ten years. As this is his second term five additional years will be added, making 15 years.

Rev. J. Tyler Frazier, pastor of Bland Street Methodist Church, at Bluefield West Va., has been appointed Presiding Elder of Jeffersonville District, to succeed Rev. W. W. Pyott. Mr. Frazier is a fine preacher and will fill the duties of his new appointment most acceptably.

Mrs. Sally Harman, mother of Mr. H. Bane Harman, whose illness was chronic in last week's REPUBLICAN, died at her home on Bluestone, Sunday morning, February 14th, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years and six days. Thus has another good Christian woman passed to her reward, "and may the soul rest lightly over her grave."

The trial of Wm Duncan in the county court upon a charge of felony was concluded yesterday and resulted in another hung jury. He was tried at the last term of the court and at that trial there was a hung jury. At the trial yesterday eight of the jury were for acquittal. Duncan has been bailed to appear on the first day of the next term of the court, and his trial, therefore, is postponed until that time.

Literary Society Entertainment.

Gillespie Literary Society, of Tazewell College, will hold its annual entertainment in the Chapel Hall of that institution on February 22, 1897, at 7 o'clock p. m. We have received an invitation containing the programme, and no doubt the entertainment will prove a very interesting one.

The Best Way to Cure.

Disease is to establish health. Pure, rich blood means good health. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. It tones up the whole system, gives appetite and strength and causes weakness, nervousness and pain to disappear. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assists digestion, prevent constipation. 25cents.

THOMPSON VALLEY ITEMS.

Mr. John T. Smith, who has been quite ill is now convalescent.

Mr. C. C. Kitts, will move in a few days to Bland C. H. We regret giving Mr. Kitts up as a neighbor but wish him success in his new home.

Rev. Mr. Bailey will preach at Glenwood church, next Sunday morning.

Mr. Saul Turley is having a big time over valentines.

DISAPPEARED.

An Awful Calamity—A Prominent Citizen Meets a Peculiar and Untimely End.

On Wednesday evening, at about four o'clock, one of the most singular and most deplorable catastrophes in the history of our county occurred on the road between this place and the depot. Several men and two women saw the accident. As Mr. James R. Smith, a prominent farmer and merchant, was riding from the depot to town, his horse suddenly stopped, apparently mired in the mud. Mr. Smith appeared to be urging him on, but the horse began to sink down. At first the spectators thought he was falling, but, suddenly, to their horror and amazement, they became aware of the fact that he was actually sinking into the ground, and, before they could recover from the shock or offer a chance, horse and rider had disappeared forever. A crowd soon gathered around the spot, but there was nothing to be seen which told of the tragedy so lately enacted, except Mr. Smith's hat, which floated calmly on the slimy pool which had caught it from its owner's head as he went down. All bemoaned his untimely fate as they turned sadly away, knowing that nothing could be done. Light pontoon bridges have been thrown across this and some other equally dangerous places in the road and traffic has been resumed as usual.

[Some such account as the above may appear in all earnestness some time soon, unless that road is repaired.]—Ed.

FOR RENT.

Several dwelling rooms. Apply to. C. M. KILBY.

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Agents Wanted.

The Imperial Publishing Co. want to secure good agents to work on salary or commission. For information call on M. Johnson Tazewell, Va. t.f.

"Get right with God," is the reading of a little poster one can see stuck up everywhere. The advice is good, and the country editors are glad to see it, for when one gets right with God he is sure to pay all his back dues on subscription and a year in advance.—Exchange.

## CEDAR BLUFF ITEMS.

February 16th, 1897.

Notice has been previously given of the organization of a Missionary Baptist Church, at Richlands. This organization numbers from 30 to 35 members, with more in sight. A flourishing Sunday school has been organized in connection with the church, with nearly one hundred members. The membership of the Church is of high average in point of intelligence and piety and the prospects for a prosperous church are unusually good.

The pastor, Rev. W. A. Gaines, of Lebanon, preached there last Saturday night and on Sunday, noon and night, to good congregations. He preached here last night in the home of Mr. Joseph White and to-day in the Methodist church and is to preach there again to-night. People enjoy his plain, earnest sermons.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a stated communication of Tazewell Lodge, No. 62, A. F. and A. M., held in their Hall, at Tazewell, Va., February 15, A. L. 5897—A. D. 1897.

The committee appointed to recommend suitable action on the death of Bro. John Samuel Young submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, death has removed from our midst Bro. Jno. J. Young; and whereas by the divine truth of inspiration, so forcibly impressed by the unwritten words of our Order, we are taught that though a man die, yet he shall live again, and we know that the symbolic Sprig of Acanth is still blooming as beautiful as it did amid the ruins of the Temple many years ago.

Resting our faith upon the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, we bow with submission to the decree of the Grand Master of the Universe who has for some good purpose of his own afflicted us in the loss of our brother, and in memory of the great worth and usefulness of our Brother, we do now resolve,

1st, That we sincerely mourn the death of Bro. Jno. S. Young, and bear our willing testimony to the fact that in his death our Lodge has lost one of its most zealous, efficient and valued members, one whose death is not only a loss to our own household, but to The Craft at large.

2nd, That to the bereaved widow, mother and brother of our friend and brother, we tender our heart-felt sympathy in their great affliction, and can only commit them to the care of the Infinite, who doeth all things well.

3d, That as a further token of our sorrow we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days, and that the Lodge be draped in mourning for the same period.

4th, That the Secretary do furnish to the widow and mother of the deceased Brother a copy under the seal of the Lodge of these resolutions, and that Clinch Valley News and TAZEWELL REPUBLICAN be requested to publish them.

JAMES O'KEEFE,  
C. J. BARNES,  
R. B. GILLESPIE,  
Committee.

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The sort of valentine the people would appreciate most would be that prosperity the Republicans have promised.—Richmond Dispatch.

Just wait until we have a Republican Valentine Day and the prosperity will come. The people don't expect anything as long as Democracy is sending out the valentines.

A telegram from Chicago, dated the 11th inst., says that Mr. W. J. Bryan will take the stump in that city in the municipal election the coming Spring. This can hardly be true. It would be a weakness that we could hardly expect, even from Mr. Bryan.

It looks very much like the effort of Hon. Peter J. Otey to work up sentiment in favor of a constitutional convention will prove a failure. The Democratic press is divided on the question, with most of the influential papers against the convention.

The Hon. John Randolph Tucker, after a protracted illness, died at his home in Lexington, Va., on last Saturday night, aged seventy-four years. For a number of years he was prominent in the affairs of our State and Federal Governments. Mr. Tucker was for three terms Attorney-General of Virginia, once by appointment and twice by election. He was the Representative in Congress for several terms of what is now the Tenth district, and was prominently mentioned for a place in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet when that gentleman was last elected President. For some years Mr. Tucker had been filling the Chair of Law at Washington-Lee University. He was a great constitutional lawyer and a politician of considerable ability. In the social circle he was a charming man, and in the Church earnest and useful. He served his State faithfully and well, and the record of his life is worthy of study by the young and rising generation.

GENERAL NEWS.

Major McKinley has been ordered by his physician to take a rest. He has been worn out physically by callers since his election.

William P. St. John, ex-President of the Mercantile National Bank, and who was permanent chairman of the Silver party convention that sat in St. Louis concurrently with the Populist convention last July, died suddenly at his home in New York City, on the night of the 14th inst. He was a strong advocate of the free coinage of silver, and was stationed in New York after Bryan's nomination and devoted himself to raising money for the Democratic committee.

It is thought that at the extra session of Congress, which will be held in March, Speaker Reed will appoint but five committees. These will be the Ways and Means, Banking and Currency, Rules Accounts and Mileage. These committees are all that are needed to run the House on the lines of revenue legislation, and the new tariff bill will not be obstructed in any way.

No hope for the ratification by the Senate of the arbitration treaty with England is the latest report from Washington. Senator Morgan is the leader of the opposition to the peace agreement and is supported by Senators Teller, Quay, Cameron and others.

AT YOUR OWN PRICE.

We expect to Start for New York Next week for Spring Goods. Before they arrive we have to Make more room. A great many staples, Winter Goods, Short lengths and remnants, Will be sold at Your Prices. This is Your last opportunity.

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Peaches, Apricots, Prunes and Apples.

Our Evaporated Apples, when cooked, are EQUAL TO GREEN FRUIT.

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At this season of the year many persons need

something to give them a relish for their food, as

well as to gratify the taste. We have a stand-

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Mustards. We wish to call especial at-

tention to our

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A Special Price on Cranberries for the re-

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STATE NEWS.

Governor O'Ferrall has appointed Mr. J. W. Richardson, of Smyth County, Register of the Land office, to succeed Sidney P. Eges, who has secured the returns as Congressman from the Fourth district.

A conference of leading Republicans of the State was held at Richmond the first of the week. It is reported the meeting was called for the purpose of recommending some one from Virginia for a position in the McKinley Cabinet, and that Judge Waddill had been endorsed.

A number of great religious revivals have been going on in the State. Rev. Dr. Harrison, of Richmond, has just closed a very successful one in Charlottesville. On Sunday night Rev. W. B. Holcombe closed a meeting which he had been conducting at High Street Methodist Church, Petersburg, Va. There were over one hundred and fifty conversions during the meeting. A very fine revival has also been in progress in the Methodist Church at Wytheville, and there have been over one hundred professions of faith.

John W. Sherman, a newspaper man of Lynchburg, who mysteriously disappeared from that city on the 15th of last December returned on the 16th inst. to his home with his wife, she having gone to Orangeburg, S. C. for him.

Governor O'Ferrall has so far recovered from his sickness that he was yesterday morning able to drive out with Mrs. O'Ferrall. He is now rapidly improving and will soon be completely restored to health.

The executive committee of the Virginia Press Association met at Richmond Monday. The body discussed the question of the association taking a trip to the Nashville centennial in June next. The committee fixed on June 22 as the time for the next annual meeting of the association. A sub-committee will select the place. Judge Hughes is invited to deliver an address at this meeting of the editors.

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